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Applicants: Welch, et al.)	Group Art Unit: 1733
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Serial No.: 09/855,169)	Examiner: Jeff H. Aftergut
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Filed: May 14, 2001)	Deposit Account: 50-2548
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For: Method and Apparatus for)	
Producing Laminated Articles)	

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed May 9, 2003, please consider the following Request for Continued Examination, preliminary amendment and remarks. The present response was due on Monday, August 11, 2003 (the first business day after a weekend), therefore, the present response is being submitted with the required one-month extension of time request under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 to extend the period of response to September 9, 2003. If any further extension of time or additional fees for the accompanying response are required, Applicant requests that this be considered a petition therefor. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, which may be required to Deposit Account 50-2548.

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Amendments to the claims and new claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.